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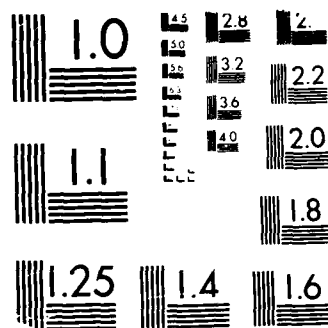
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ABSTRACT

The successful synthesis of high- T_c $YBa_2Cu_3O_7$ films by means of electron beam codeposition has been accomplished. Several important growth parameters have been surveyed in a preliminary way. The substrates investigated include Al_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , MgO and $SrTiO_3$. The films were characterized by resistivity measurements, X-ray diffraction, microprobe, and Rutherford backscattering analysis. Some TEM and critical current density studies were also carried out. The best results to date have been obtained on $SrTiO_3$ substrates with which polycrystalline epitaxial growth has been achieved. Resistive superconducting transitions with zero resistance at 89.5K and a 2K width have been observed in these films. Using the vibrating sample magnetometer, high critical current densities in excess of 9×10^4 at 78K and 2×10^6 were found at 4.2K. Also, surface pinning in the parallel direction under some conditions has been observed to be very high. The measurements put a lower limit on the depairing critical current density of $>10^8$ A/cm².

Superconducting thin films of $YBa_2Cu_3O_{7-x}$ have also been successfully made by magnetron co-sputtering from the three metal targets in an Ar and O₂ mixture atmosphere. After a high temperature anneal the films are superconducting with onset temperatures of 90 K, full transition temperatures as high as 88 K, and critical current densities in excess of $\sim 10^6$ A/cm² at 78K and $\sim 10^7$ A/cm² at 4.2 K and in the earth's magnetic field. Highly oriented thin films have been obtained on $SrTiO_3$ (100) substrates, with both the c-axis and the a-axis normal to the substrate.

Optical transmission and reflection spectra (mid IR through UV) and Raman spectra of high quality 90 nm, 180 nm, 400 nm and 1000 nm thick superconducting Y-Ba-Cu-O films have been made. Characteristic excitonic bands, and in particular an absorption band at ~ 0.37 eV reported earlier by other makers, are not observed. No evidence has been found for inferring that the high- T_c superconductivity in the high T_c cuprates arises from exciton-mediated electron pairing. However, there is considerable featureless absorption observed above the plasma edge.



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STATEMENT OF WORK

Prepare new and recently discovered perovskite-like superconducting samples by ceramic techniques as well as by thin film deposition methods.

Develop methods for growing and analyzing tunnel junctions made from perovskite-like oxide electrodes.

Use point contact and if possible scanning tunneling microscopy to investigate superconductivity in the perovskite-like high- T_c superconductors.

Increase the level of effort in making and characterizing new samples.

Incorporate the use of the vibrating sample magnetometer in characterizing superconducting behavior, namely the Meissner-effect, the shielding current, and the critical current of the films and the ceramic samples.

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